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WEATHER:

For New Haven and vicinity: Rain or snow this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; Friday partly cloudy. For Connecticut: Snow this afternoon and tonight, except possibly rain or sleet on the coast; colder tonight; Friday cloudy; strong northeast and northwest gales, and dangerous on Rhode Island and southeast Massachusetts coasts.

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IRISH PEACE PARLEY STARTS WITHOUT DE VALERA CITY HALL SHOTGAGE PLACED AT \$4,300

FINANCES IN CONTROL OF O.K. EDELMAN

Financial Work of Town Clerk's Office Is Being Carried on by Assistant Town Clerk.

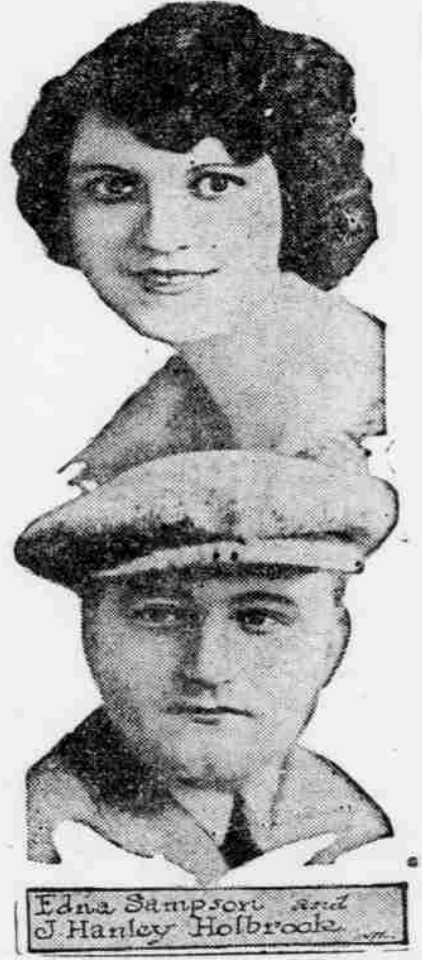
The Winton case still continues to be the center of gossip in City Hall. The police guard which, for several days, shadowed Town Clerk Clarence E. Winton from place to place, has been withdrawn, which leads to the conjecture that the peculiarity which existed in the accounts of the town clerk's office has disappeared.

All of the principals in the transaction are silent but further rumor has it that the amount necessary to make the funds balance is about \$4,300. The financial work of the office is, apparently, being carried on by Assistant Town Clerk Otto K. Edelman. Whether he will continue to do this work is for the future to determine.

Winton May Resign. Will Town Clerk Winton hand in his resignation from the office of town clerk? He says he will not, but there seems to be some opinion among politicians, usually well informed, that he may later do something of the kind. Among the questions the question is asked as to whether an impeachment will be attempted.

It is pointed out that the aldermen (Continued on Page Seven.)

Will Take Fifth Wife, and He's Only 26



Edna Sampson and J. Hanley Holbrook.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Edna Sampson, Los Angeles film actress, to J. Hanley Holbrook, Los Angeles salesman, who, though he is only 26, has already been married and divorced four times.

KILLED ON DECK IN HEAVY STORM

Plymouth, England, Dec. 28.—(By the A. P.)—Two fatalities at sea directly attributable to the terrific storms encountered on the Atlantic during the past week were reported by vessels arriving today.

William Holman, travelling with his wife and five children on the German steamer, Haimon, which arrived from Baltimore, was killed during the voyage when he was thrown to the deck sustaining a fractured skull.

The second state of the steamer Neotfield, bound from New Foundland to Bremerhaven, was washed overboard and several members of the crew seriously injured while the vessel was laboring in the terrific seas.

SAFE CRACKED; \$40,000 GONE

New York, Dec. 28.—Robbers early today blew open the safe of the Harmon office of the New York Edison Company and carried off \$40,000 after gagging and assaulting the night watchman, Philip O'Connor. The watchman's skull was fractured and he was removed to the hospital in a serious condition.

\$140,000 Refunded to Gas Consumers

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Approximately \$140,000 will be refunded to consumers of gas in this city if an agreement reached today between the common council and the Adirondack Light and Power Corporation to reduce the price of gas from \$1.45 to \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet is approved by the Public Service Commission. The agreement would be retroactive to May 1, 1921.

SEAPLANE ON WAY.

Cabedello, Brazil, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The Sampaio Correia II left this port for Pernambuco at seven o'clock today.

Woodrow Wilson, 66, Today Has Eyes On Senate Fight

Washington, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Woodrow Wilson celebrated his 66th birthday today. He spent a part of the morning in the study of his quiet home in 8 street, pursuing the newspapers and the Congressional Record and their accounts of the stormy debate in the United States Senate over America's duty to Europe. He found them strangely reminiscent of the papers of three years ago when the League of Nations debate crackled and sputtered in the Senate from opening gavel to the close of business.

It was stated today by those who have seen Mr. Wilson this week that he is enjoying hugely the present situation in the Senate—particularly the spectacle of an old irreconcilable like Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, leading the fight for greater Ameri-

NEW MOVE FOR PEACE IN IRELAND

De Valera Not Invited to Secret Parley Between Free Staters and Republicans—Latter Take the Initiative.

Dublin, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Secret peace negotiations were opened today between the Free State and Irish Republicans. The seat of the negotiations were not revealed but the correspondent is informed that they are taking place in a town outside of Dublin. Several heads of the civil administration and army left Dublin during the morning.

Eamonn De Valera has no part in the negotiations. A military officer told International News Service that De Valera's disavowal of Republican peace moves had no significance.

Hope For Agreement. "If an agreement is reached and we hope to be able to announce an agreement before Sunday, De Valera's influence will be nullified," said this officer.

It is authoritatively reported that the Republicans took the initiative in opening negotiations, and that their chief delegates are Liam Lynch and T. Breen.

Dublin, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The Irish Bulletin today prints a statement from Eamonn De Valera replying to the republican criticism of his attitude by President Cosgrave.

In the communication the Republican leader says:

"The present government of the Republic is acting as the emergency trustee of the government and it is prepared to surrender its authority the moment the rightful parliament of the nation—namely, the second Dail—is allowed to meet, and the Supreme court of the Republic is allowed to determine the legal and constitutional differences which both sides are now trying to solve by force."

HE WOULD LIGHT ALL N. Y. STATE BY ELECTRICITY

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A whole town, county and state aglow with electric lights and heated by electric power, is the plan of Dwight B. Ladd, city engineer, after consulting with Democratic leaders.

His program is as follows:

1.—Harness the vast watershed of the Adirondacks, the Catskills and other regions where streams now go to waste.

2.—Establish a systematic program for the release of the power thus obtained, so it can be distributed at the least cost.

3.—Sell the product to industries, cities and farmers at a cost that will make other agencies of heat and power less desirable than electricity.

4.—Announce that the water power program comes at a time when the property owners of the entire Adirondack region are incensed at what they believe to have been an attempt to steal outright their waterpower rights.

A few weeks facts will be presented at Albany and an investigation that will involve state officials of the present administration is indicated.

Created a Disturbance in the Christian Union

William Cairns, who created a disturbance in the Christian Union last night, when the keeper endeavored to put him out was fined \$20 and costs and sentenced to five days in jail today when he appeared before Judge William Boardman in the City court. The jail sentence was suspended.

LEADING BLIND MAN IS KILLED BY CAR

Newark, N. J., Dec. 28.—While leading a blind man, Edward Burtee, across a street last night, Mrs. Pannie D. Trux was struck and killed by a trolley car. Burtee, while knocked down by the impact, rolled from the path of danger.

Read Roach Found in This Hooch and Owner Goes to Jail

Frank Pabis of 1270 Seaview avenue was fined \$200 and costs and sentenced to ten days in jail in the city court today for keeping a hooch. Pabis was arrested after a foundry and coal company complained its employees were getting intoxicated on the hooch. Brown testified today a dead cock roach had been found submerged in a jug of liquor seized at the Pabis home.

Minister to Rumania Returns to U. S.



Peter A. Jay.

Peter A. Jay, American Minister to Rumania, has arrived in New York on the liner George Washington to spend the holidays before returning to his post at Bucharest.

ENDS HER LIFE IN 3D ATTEMPT

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Twice Mrs. Ernest Wedekind, 32, of Gunderland Center, near here, failed in an attempt to take her life, but the third time she was successful. She died in Ellis hospital today, after drinking poison. She leaves a husband and two small children.

STORM SWEEPS FRENCH COASTS

Havre, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—A terrific gale which has been raging on the channel and Atlantic seaboard for three days shows no sign of abating.

The English cargo vessel King Fisher attempted to go to sea last night but was forced to put back to port where she was joined by a score of other craft which are now anchored in the Havre roads unable to sail.

The steamer Panther is in distress off L' Orient and two ocean-going ships are standing by.

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The shooting started when Deputy Sheriff Jones and other officers went to the Joseph Jones home at Follansbee to arrest him on his wife's complaint, while under the influence of liquor, he had forced her at the point of a pistol to sign over her property to him.

Sarah Bernhardt's Condition Better

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The doctors say that if Madame Bernhardt implicitly follows their instructions, she is out of immediate danger.

The ban upon the admission of visitors to the sick room is still in force, but this morning Madame Bernhardt received her son, Maurice.

STATE SHORE IS LASHED BY HEAVY GALE

Shippers Warned of Violent Northeast Coast Gales Due Tonight—Boston Gripped by Blizzard—Heavy Snow and Sleet Storms Sweep New York State.

New Haven, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—From Pembrwick to Pawcatuck, the state shore was lashed by a 30-mile gale today carrying alternate sheets of rain and hail that gave nearly an inch of precipitation up to noon and threatened damage to shore structures.

Suburban trolleys in all parts of the state were delayed early by ice on wires and train service was slowed up by freezing switches.

Inland points had little trouble though the storm was general.

Craft Stay in Local Harbor

Storm signals displayed here today kept shipping tied up in the harbor and if reports are to be believed a heavy snow or sleet storm, accompanied by gales, is headed this way. No ships ventured out of the harbor today.

If further confirmation were needed, Captain Christie Smith of the houseboat "Merry Widow" says the next few days will see a change to real winter weather, with plenty of snow. The captain has followed the sea since he was a boy and local harbor men place great faith in his predictions.

Few were expressed here today that the expected storm would tie up coal shipments and further deplete the city's coal supply, already at a low ebb.

TIRED OF HOME RUNAWAY GIRL WRITES MOTHER

The Bureau of Missing Persons has been asked by Mrs. Mary Jackson, of 35 White street, in this city, to locate her 17-year-old daughter, who disappeared from her home December 9 last. At the time of her disappearance the girl was employed at the Bryant Electric factory. Since she has been gone her mother has received a letter from her stating that she was tired of being picked up at home and wanted to make her own way. No address was given in the letter received. The police, however, today declared that they believed the girl is in New York city.

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Harding Asks Senate To Block Borah Navy Plan

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Harding asked the Senate today not to adopt Senator Borah's proposal for a new international economic conference, saying in a letter to Republican Leader Lodge that formal congressional action on the subject now would embarrass him in negotiations he already conducting looking to such a conference.

The President's letter was sent to Senator Lodge for presentation during the Senate's second day of debating the Borah proposal, which is embodied in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill. The President acted directly to block Senate action after he had consulted with Secretary Hughes and a

after Senator Lodge had visited the White House and had reported on the progress made in the determined fight already being waged against the Borah amendment by administration leaders in the Senate.

Senator Lodge was summoned to the White House this morning and had an hour's conference with President Harding. When was over, Senator Lodge declined to state whether he carried a letter to bring to the capital from the President but it was understood he was either fortified with such a message or that it would be forthcoming during the day.

Prince Andrew Resigned to His Fate—Cleopatra Had More Spunk—Drunkards Get Photographs of Themselves Drunk Imagination Weak in Human Mind—Modern Barbarians Burning Churches.

Prince Andrew of Greece, who commanded troops in the Anatolian campaign, who would have been shot by the Greeks except for the intervention of the British government, is resigned to his fate, which is to be banished from Greece. Threaten a man's life, then let him live and he will usually be resigned to his fate.

There are instances to the contrary. Cleopatra chose the fatal bite of the asp to living without her lover and without her empire. Kings have, usually, not been so proud. Napoleon patiently ended his days at St. Helena. The former Kaiser celebrates another honeymoon in Holland, which proves that kings, like some other men, would rather be "live dogs than dead lions."

Victor H. Arnold, banker-preacher, is in jail, charged with 31 offenses against the Federal government, based upon a mail order business in worthless bonds, which he is alleged to have sold throughout the country. This doesn't call for a wholesale denunciation of bankers and preachers. The percentage of criminals in these groups is too tiny. In some businesses it is different. There is the motion picture business, for instance, which develops a high percentage of scandal in a small population. In this case there must necessarily be the suspicion that something is wrong with the environment.

Here is another idea. John B. Hammond, Chief of Police of Des Moines, Ia., beginning New Year's will take a photograph of every man brought in drunk. When the man goes away he will get a copy of the picture to show him just how he looked. It ought to help. The common or garden variety of drunkard is a comic spectacle in his "cups." The exception is the one who drinks wood alcohol and goes blind or dies. He is a tragic figure.

Perhaps Chief Hammond borrows a little from the Judge who takes automobile offenders over to the City Morgue and makes them view the bodies of those who have been killed in automobile accidents or by being run down by automobiles. This also is an interesting experiment.

Half the trouble with poor human nature, when it does the same thing wrong, over and over again, is lack of imagination and lack of memory. The reckless automobilist cannot picture the horrors which attend upon the unnecessary killing of a child in the streets, he has to see the thing to understand it. Not strange that this should be so in a world in which memory and imagination are still so poorly developed, that it is only with difficulty those of the strongest memories, and the most vivid imaginations, can recall the terror of the great war.

Word has been received from Montreal that the tenth fire sweeps a Catholic edifice in Canada, the parish church of St. Thomas D'Alfred at Montrass. Burning churches is not good business for civilized men. Arson is not a good business for anybody. Barbarians who destroyed the Alexandrian library have not left a good flavor in history and they lived some thousands of years earlier, and in a civilization less advanced than that which entertains these Montreal church burners.

\$25,000 FIRE BY METER EXPLOSION

New Haven, Dec. 28.—Tenants in an apartment house at Orange and Cottage streets walked down a blazing stairway when fire swept the structure, doing damage estimated at \$25,000. Miss Grace Fuller, president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club, was rescued from the third floor by firemen.

An explosion near gas meters in the cellar is given as the cause of the fire.

New Policeman Slays a Bandit

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Police Officer Maurice Cronin, new on the force, early today shot and killed one of two bandits who had hurled a brick through a window of the Edna Naed, in Beatty Shop. The other man escaped.

Cronin served 17 months as rifleman in the American army in France.